## MATTER UNDER RULE-312

(i) *Re: Discrimination in the supply of raw materials to wire drawing units.*

SRI PRABHAKAR R. TELKAR.—Sir, this is a matter regarding the Wire drawing units in Karnataka State. There were about 60 wire drawing units which were registered in 1972–73 and all these wire drawing units were getting raw-materials, wire-rods through the Hindustan Steel Limited and Karnataka Small Scale Industries Development Corporation. The recommending authority for allotting these wire-rods was the Joint Director of Industries, Government of Karnataka. The Join Director was assessing the capacity of the each wire drawing unit and was recommending for allotment of raw-materials. There was a ban order in force in the year 1974–75 and the Karnataka Small Scale Industries Development Corporation did not get the wire-rods to these units and Messrs. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) were given power to look after the requirement of these small scale industries Out of these 16 old units. only 4 units, namely, Mysore Steel Works, Iron Steel Industries, Raghunath Industries and Master products were provided with the raw-materials along with some new units.through the Steel Authority of India Limited. After 1974-75, the powers which were vested with the State Government were taken over by the Steel Authority of India Limited and a new policy was adopted under which these wire drawing units were taking wire rods from the Au hority. The iron rods were available in plenty and as such the Steel Authority of India Limited were selling these rods to the traders. Thereafter, the maximum allotment was made in the year 1979. While allotting these wire rods to these units in Karnataka, their off-take for three years was taken into consideration and accordingly they were allotted. Now, according to the new policy, some new units have come up. The local entrepreneurs who are Kannadigas were not allotted more quantity of wire rods. I will just quote an instance. A unit having the capacity of 50 H.P. exclusively meant for wire drawing was getting 11 M.tonnes of wire rods whereas an unit having the capacity of 90 H.P. was getting 100 M.tonnes of wire rods. So, actually the unit having the capacity of 90 H.P., should have been allotted 18 M.tonnes of wire rods. So, such of the new units which have come up recently, are getting more quota beyond their capacity. So, the local entrepreneurs are hardly getting any raw-material whereas the people from outside the State are getting more and more raw-materials and thus there are so many units which are on the verge of closure for want of wire rods. My earnest request to the Government is that such of the units which were established during 1972–73 shoul